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Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2008 10:52 AM
To: Lowery, Myron
Cc: Rutherford, Sandra
Subject: RE: Memphis Charter Commission Meeting

Myron:

I have a few concerns for the Charter Commission echoing some of the sentiments of the Election Commission:

There should be clear delineation for who determines candidate residency requirements. Example, you can simply require the address of the voter registration to declare residency but the Election Commission should have to check that prior to declaring the candidate eligible. No one is checking anything, leaving potential misrepresentations (lies) to occur. I experience that this year when a potential candidate had been living with (and/or registered) at their parent's home outside Dist. 4. The individual didn't even meet the 6 month residency requirement but I have to prove this to the Election Commission.

I agree to eliminate runoffs in the district council elections.

If there is an agreement to support term limits, I think it should be set at 3 terms (1st term learning, 2nd term implementing, 3rd term, wrapping up).

I'm a little concerned about the ethics discussion (none of this in no way is about me but when I think of what could have happened, it triggered the following concerns). There are many lies and rumors in the public often times creating FBI investigations. When people are indicted, that is merely an allegation that officials may already know will not muster proof, potentially resulting in dismissals. If you allow 10% of a voting population to oust an official based on who like what representative, imagine what could possibly happen. I'd like to have a discussion with you about this. I will be in the council office for a 12:00 meeting so maybe we can talk before your meeting.

I do not agree the city should collect filing fees. Things will start to get messy if you have to start paying this group, showing receipts to that group at a later time, etc. All candidate requirements should be met via the Election Commission.

Thanks,

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